

The RPA MEETS SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAYS OF EACH MONTH
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EDITORIAL..... by John Kellas

Dateline FDC/Brockport:: It was a beautiful day for the public ceremony honoring the issuance of the new Special Olympics stamp. A crowd of about 5000+ olympic visitors gathered for the afternoon First Day Special Olympics Stamp Issuance. Brockport's Postmaster, Arthur Fagan, acted as the master of ceremonies introduced several distinguished guests: Eunice Kennedy Shriver, President of the Special Olympics, Inc. and her husband, Sergeant Shriver; Ted Kennedy, President of The Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation; Postmaster General William Bolger; Dr. Albert Brown, president of SUNY College at Brockport; Jeff Cornell, the stamp designer; OUR OWN RPA memmber- Ed Fisk, president of the Niagara Frontier Federation of Stamp Clubs; Sam Cornish, Commemorative Stamp Committee Chairman. Also present were several SuperStars from Hollywood and SuperAthletes to help promote the Special Olympics. The Brockport P.O. had a special substation set up on campus from which stamps and first day cancellations were made available to the visiting public. For the stamp and cover collectors there was a multitude different FDC cachet covers, state and Foreign delegation envelopes, beside the official FDC cachet of the Special Olympics. On hand at both the Brockport P.O. & Campus substation were about 20 RPA volunteers helping the Stamp Committee cancel and sell the Special Olympics FDCs. Besides the RPA volunteers, there were also many RPA olympic visitors at the FDC ceremony, in fact with all the RPA members present that day in Brockport, the RPA could have held a meeting! It was a great day for the stamp collector, but an even greater

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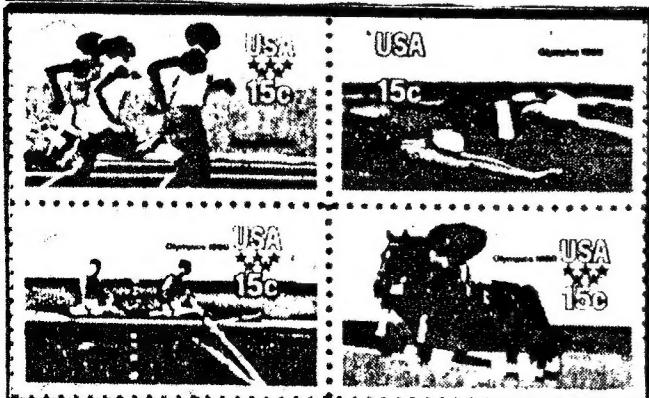


John Paul Jones
US Bicentennial 15c

SEPTEMBER

MEETINGS

- Sept.13 "How to Exhibit Your Stamps", special speakers will discuss the many facets of exhibiting. 8:00 pm.
- Sept.27 "First day Covers" a slide show & a silent auction, 5 lots max, lot forms will be available at meetings. 8:00 pm

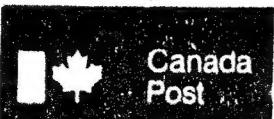


ROPEX BOOSTERS

Starting with the first Sept. Meeting a ROPEX'79 representative will collect ROPEX Booster Donations. A \$1.00 donation will help defray the printing of the Souvenir Program. Your name will appear on a special Booster page in the program.

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day and weekend for all the special Olympians (3000+), who out shined the SuperStars and showed the world what courage really is. There were 5 countries represented, all 50 U.S. states and 6 U.S. Territories also fielded teams. The weather Friday turned sour but the rain didn't stop the games. Saturday the sun came out again and the crowds grew to about 30,000 before the closing ceremonies started. The Special Olympics were truly special to the olympians as well as to the many visitors who cheered those olympians on. It was one the greatest events to happen in the Rochester area.....



- Sept 5 U.S., Olympics, 10¢ Decathlon, post card rate stamp
- Sept 11 U.S., definitive, 50¢ Americana series depicting "Betty" Lamp.
- Sept 13 CANADA, Inuit Shelters, Canadian Indian series, two se-tenant pairs of 17¢ stamps.
- Sept 17 U.S., Olympics, Sprinter, 10¢ postal card.
- Sept 23 U.S., John Paul Jones, single 15¢ stamp.
- Sept 28 U.S., Olympics, se-tenant block of four 15¢ for Summer Olympics, women runners, women swimmers, a pair of rowers, & horse and rider jumping.
- Oct. 1 U.S., Iolani Palace, 10¢ postal card.

**BOOKS**

The Compleat Philatelist by Herman Herst, Jr. The Washington Press, 1726 Springfield Ave., Maplewood, N.J. 07040. Cost. \$2.95 + 50¢ postage.

A History of Canadian R.P.O.s 1853-1967, a handbook by L. F. Gillam, published by the American Philatelic Society, Box 800, State College, Pa. 16801. 179 pp., ill. Book is available from the APS for \$11 postpaid, 20% discount for APS members.

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Does the RPA
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\$10 million for stamp collection

By JERRY SCHWARTZ
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A British firm said yesterday that it has purchased a New York financier's stamp collection for more than \$10 million, which it said was a record.

The collection consists of about 3,500 stamps, envelopes and letters mailed in the United States during the nation's first century. It was assembled by financier Marc Haas, 71, over the past 35 years.

"I feel like I've lost my children," said Haas, president of American Diversified Enterprises, a privately owned conglomerate.

Howard O. Fraser, chairman of the board of Stanley Gibbons International of London, buyer of the collection, would not release the exact price of the Haas collection. The previous record for a stamp collection was \$3.5 million, he said.

"It was assembled with a great deal of taste, a great deal of knowledge and a great deal of money," Fraser said at a news conference. Similar news conferences were held in London and Sydney, Australia.

Fraser said his company had not determined how it would sell the collection, but "we believe the collection should be sold in the United States, in sections."

There are only "three, four or five" such collections in existence, Fraser said. He noted that Haas' stamps represent "a tremendous slice of American history."

THERE ARE ITEMS signed by George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln and Robert E. Lee, all of whom had franking privileges that allowed them to send mail free.

Lee's letter is addressed to the governor of Virginia. It includes a plea for troop reinforcements for the Confederate army during the Civil War.

There are also Pony Express and Wells Fargo Express covers and an envelope with the 20-cent "St. Louis Bears," stamps that were issued by the local postmaster before stamps were issued nationally.

One letter is from a reader to the editor of the New York Tribune. The reader objected to something in the newspaper and challenged the editor to a duel, with pistols, in Hoboken, N.J.

Fraser was not aware of whether the duel was carried out.

Haas said his father was a stamp collector, and he started collecting stamps at age 5, beginning with "packets and all of the kinds of stamps kids collect."

About 35 years ago, he started his early American collection, because "American history was very interesting to me." He said he decided to sell the collection because of his age and because he knew it had become very valuable.

LETTER-SIZE MAIL DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS TEMPLATE

ACCEPTANCE CLERK: Check for minimum size, proper height to length ratio, and thickness.

STANDARD SIZES (Only for First-Class Mail weighing one ounce or less and Single-Piece Third-Class Mail weighing two ounces or less):
THE TIP OF THE UPPER RIGHT CORNER OF THE MAILING PIECE MUST TOUCH THIS SHADED AREA TO BE MAILED AT REGULAR POSTAGE.
A SURCHARGE WILL BE ADDED TO NON-STANDARD MAIL.

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MINIMUM STANDARDS

These lines indicate the minimum height and length requirements for mailpieces in order for them to be acceptable for mailing. In addition, mailpieces must be rectangular and at least .007 inches thick.

Items .25 inches thick, or less, not meeting any one of these requirements are nonmailable (items such as keys and identification devices are not subject to the minimum standards except for the thickness requirement).

TO USE TEMPLATE, PLACE LOWER LEFT CORNER OF MAILING PIECE HERE

PROCEDURE FOR USE OF TEMPLATE: (See examples on reverse side)

1. Align the mailing piece with the lower left corner of this template (just inside the lines).
2. The upper and right sides of the piece must touch or extend past BOTH the top and right-hand minimum lines. Otherwise, the piece cannot be accepted for mailing.
3. If the piece meets the minimum size, but the upper right corner falls outside the shaded area of the template, or is larger than the template, the piece may be mailed. CHARGE REGULAR POSTAGE PLUS SURCHARGE.
4. If the piece meets all other criteria, check the thickness. If the piece exceeds $\frac{1}{4}$ inch in thickness, CHARGE THE REGULAR POSTAGE PLUS SURCHARGE.

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Stamp exhibitions . . .

- Sept. 7-9 STAMPFEST CANADA, The Sheraton Centre, Toronto, CANADA. There is an admission charge, Hours 10-8. Special Show Cancel.
- Sept. 8-9 OLEPEX III, Holiday Inn, 2715 W. State St., Olean, NY. Free addmission. Hours Sat 10-9, Sun 10-5 Special Show Cancel.
- Sept. 13-16 STAMPFESTIVAL '79, Madison Square Garden Exposition Rotunda, 2 Penn Plaza, NY NY Admission \$3 Hours Th 12-7, Fri 11-7, Sat 10-6, Sun 11-5 Special Show Cancel.
- Sept. 15-16 NOCHAP'79, Holiday Inn, Bennent Road, Fredonoa, NY. Free admission. Hours Sat 10-8, Sun 10-5. Special Show Cancel.

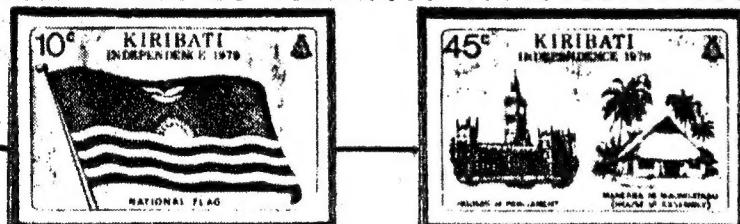
NOTES :

The RPA Board of Governors has met and voted to spend \$75.00 to reconstruct the glass/storage boxes used to hold glass panes for the RPA Exhibit Frames. The condition of the remaining glass boxes dictates that they too will have to be rebuilt. The RPA membership will be asked to vote on the needed funds during the September meetings.....



Kiribati independence

Kiribati (formerly Gilbert Is.) marked its independence July 12th with two stamps. One depicts the Kiribati Flag while the other stamp shows the government buildings. Kiribati (pronounced Kiri-bas) means "Gilberts" in the 13-letter orthography of the Gilbertese people. The unit of currency used is the Australian dollar. For more information write to: Kiribati Philatelic Bureau, Betio, Tarawa, Kiribati(Gilbert Is.) Central Pacific Ocean.....



SEPTEMBER PLANNER

SUN.		BE A ROPEX '79 BOOSTER				SAT.
2	3 LABOR DAY	4	5 USA Olympics-Decathlon 10¢ post card rate	6	7 STAMP FEST CANADA - TORONTO 7-9	8 OLEPEX III - OLEAN, N.Y.
9 OLEPEX III 8-9	10	11 USA 50¢ "BETTY" Lamp Definitive	12	13 CANADA Inuit Shelter 4 se-tenant 17¢ Stamps RPA MEETING	14 15 STAMPFESTIVAL '79 N.Y., N.Y. 13-16	
16 NOCHAP'79 FREDONOA, N.Y. 15-16	17 USA Olympics Sprinter 10¢ postal card	18	19	20	21	22
23 USA John Paul Jones 15¢ Stamp	24	25	26	27 RPA MEETING 8:00 PM	28 USA Olympics Se-tenant of four Summer Olympics 15¢ Stamps	29
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